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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7156**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 414**

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 7, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Correctional facility nursery program.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**

**GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Pending

**Summary of Legislation:** Requires a superintendent of a correctional facility to arrange for a pregnant woman who is incarcerated at the facility to be provided with childbirth accommodations and medical care outside the correctional facility. Requires the woman to return to the correctional facility after the birth of the child as soon as the woman's health permits. Establishes a correctional facility nursery program to enable physically and psychologically fit incarcerated mothers to keep their infants with them during incarceration, if: (1) the woman is approved for the program; and (2) vacancies in the program exist. Provides that the infant may be cared for through the correctional facility nursery program until the infant becomes one year of age. Provides that the purpose of the nursery program includes providing counseling and parenting skills education to the program participants. Requires certain qualified persons to staff the nursery program. Requires medical staff assigned to the nursery program to provide certain medical care and education. Requires, as part of the nursery program, the department of correction to establish and operate an infant care center for care of the mothers' infants during their absence. Establishes a nursery interdisciplinary committee to address operational problems, make policy changes, and discuss any cases of participant maladjustment within the nursery program. Requires the superintendent of a correctional facility to contact the county office of family and children to provide services for the infant if: (1) an incarcerated mother is not eligible for the nursery program or a vacancy in the nursery program does not exist; and (2) the infant's father is not available to care for the child.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**